



**ST. DAVID'S ON-THE-HILL
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

**Morning Prayer: Rite Two
MARCH 29, 2020 10:00 a.m.**

The Rev. Andrea Castner Wyatt, Rector

Musical Prelude

Welcoming by Rev. Andrea

Opening Sentences for Lent (BCP 76)

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us, but if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *I John 1:8, 9*

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. *Philippians 1:2*

Confession of Sin (BCP 79) and Absolution (BCP 80)

The Officiant says to the people:

Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God, our heavenly Father, to set forth God's praise, to hear God's holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship God, let us be together in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

Officiant and People say together:

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Invitatory and Psalter — Lent (BCP 81)

Officiant *Lord, open our lips.*

People And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

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Officiant and People

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy: Come let us adore him.

Christ our Passover *Pascha nostrum*

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; therefore let us keep the feast,
Not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil,
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him.

The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God.

So also consider yourselves dead to sin, and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

For since by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.

For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.

Psalm 130 *De profundis* — **read responsively**

Out of the deep have I called unto thee, O Lord; Lord, hear my voice.

People: O let thine ears consider well the voice of my complaint.

If thou, Lord, wilt be extreme to mark what is done amiss, O Lord, who may abide it?

People: For there is mercy with thee, therefore shalt thou be feared.

I look for the Lord; my soul doth wait for him; in his word is my trust.

People: My soul fleeth unto the Lord before the morning watch; I say, before the morning watch.

O Israel, trust in the Lord, for with the Lord there is mercy, and with him is plenteous redemption.

People: And he shall redeem Israel from all his sins.

At the end of the Psalm, all say:

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

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The Lessons

First Reading: Ezekiel 37: 1-14

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all round them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, 'Mortal, can these bones live?' I answered, 'O Lord God, you know.' Then he said to me, 'Prophesy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord.'

So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, 'Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.' I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

Then he said to me, 'Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, "Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely." Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act, says the Lord.'

Lector *The Word of the Lord.*

People Thanks be to God.

Hymn: Signs of endings all around us (Wonder Love and Praise — 721)

1. Signs of endings all around us, darkness, death and winter days
shroud our lives in fear and sadness, numbing mouths that long to praise.

Come, O Christ, and dwell among us! Hear our cries, come set us free.

Give us hope and faith and gladness. Show us what there yet can be.

2. Can it be that from our endings, new beginnings You create?

Life from death, and from our rendings, realms of wholeness generate?

Take our fears, then, Lord, and turn them into hopes for life anew

Fading light and dying season sing their Glorias to You.

3. Speak, O God, your Word among us. Barren lives Your presence fill.

Swell our hearts with songs of gladness, terrors calm, forebodings still.

Let Your promised realm of justice blossom now throughout the earth;

Your dominion bring now near us; we await the saving birth.

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Second Reading: Romans 8: 6-11

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Lector *The Word of the Lord.*

People Thanks be to God.

Hymn: Come, Holy Ghost (Lift Every Voice and Sing — 112)

1. Come, Holy Ghost, Creator blest, and in our hearts take up thy rest; Come with thy grace and heav'nly aid, to fill the hearts which thou hast made, To fill the hearts which thou hast made.
2. O Comforter, to thee we cry, thou heav'nly gift of God most high; Thou fount of life, and fire of love, and sweet anointing from above, And sweet anointing from above.
3. O Holy Ghost, through thee alone, know we the Father and the Son; Be this our firm, unchanging creed, that thou dost from them both proceed, That thou dost from them both proceed.
4. Praise we the Lord, Father and Son, and Holy Spirit with them one; And may the Son on us bestow all gifts that from the Spirit flow, All gifts that from the Spirit flow.

Gospel: John 11: 1-45

Officiant *The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.*

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, 'Lord, he whom you love is ill.' But when Jesus heard it, he said, 'This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.' Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

Then after this he said to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judea again.' The disciples said to him, 'Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?' Jesus answered, 'Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them.' After saying this, he told them, 'Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him.' The disciples said to him, 'Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right.' Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, 'Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.' Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow-disciples, 'Let us also go, that we may die with him.'

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(Gospel continued)

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home.

Martha said to Jesus, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.' Jesus said to her, 'Your brother will rise again.' Martha said to him, 'I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' She said to him, 'Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.'

When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, 'The Teacher is here and is calling for you.' And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?'

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead for four days.' Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upwards and said, 'Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.' When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.'

Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

Officiant *The Gospel of the Lord*
People Praise to you, Lord Christ

Sermon: Rev. Andrea Castner Wyatt

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The Apostles' Creed (BCP 96) *Officiant and People together*

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth; I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers: Our Father (BCP 97)

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Officiant Let us pray.

Officiant and People

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Suffrage B

V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;

R. Govern and uphold them, now and always.

V. Day by day we bless you;

R. We praise your Name for ever.

V. Lord, keep us from all sin today;

R. Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.

V. Lord, show us your love and mercy;

R. For we put our trust in you.

V. In you, Lord, is our hope;

R. And we shall never hope in vain.

Collect of the Day (BCP 219)

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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Anthem: Sung by choir

Prayers of the People and Intercessions

All: Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's Holy Name. Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.

Intercessor: Returning to the Lord, our God, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of God's creation. (silence)

Pour out your Spirit upon your church so that your people speak words of life to dry bones. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Keep us in hope of resurrection in this time of pandemic. Hold all those who are ill in your loving arms. Keep safe those who are at risk as caregivers and medical staff. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Keep us in hope of resurrection: all who are in fear or anxiety, all who face financial uncertainty, those who have lost employment, those who are isolated from loved one. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Bring newness of life to all of creation: to animals, plants, lands and seas, that they be refreshed. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Unbind all nations, peoples, and tribes from violence and war. Breathe the breath of new life and reconciliation where there is conflict. We especially pray for our service members: Jake Knight, Elizabeth Butler, Matthew Paiva, Brian Plamondon and Bob Hammond. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Stir up your healing power to redeem from illness all those who wait upon you, especially those beloved to this parish: Sue, Tom, Lauren, Joe, Alberta, Dilshad, David, Frank, Bob, Juanita, Father Ed, MJ, Brad, Anna, Wanda, Walter, Paul, Ron, Donald, Eleanor and any you wish to name silently or aloud....(pause)... Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Inspire this congregation to honor and lift up the gifts of all artists, musicians, needle workers, painters, potters and sculptors, that your glory be revealed. Hear us, O God, your mercy is great.

We give you thanks for all the saints who are raised up to live with you in light eternal. We especially pray for Dale Greenbacker, who we remember today in the lighting of the Sanctuary Lamp. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Into your hands, O God, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in your abundant mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

All: Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's Holy Name. Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.

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A General Thanksgiving (BCP 101)

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made.

We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.

And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. *Amen.*

Officiant *Let us bless the Lord.*

People Thanks be to God.

Concluding Prayer

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. *Amen. Romans 15:13*

Hymn: O Love of God, how strong and true (H-455)

1. O love of God, how strong and true, eternal and yet ever new;
uncomprehended and unbought, beyond all knowledge and all thought.
2. O wide-embracing, wondrous Love, we read thee in the sky above;
we read thee in the earth below, in seas that swell and streams that flow.
3. We read thee best in him who came to bear for us the cross of shame,
sent by the Father from on high, our life to live, our death to die.
4. We read thy power to bless and save, e'en in the darkness of the grave;
still more in resurrection light, we read the fullness of thy might.

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